

**What is claimed is:**

1. A network for providing information and data access on demand to users regarding activity at remote locations, said network comprising:

at least one remote site system, said remote site system being located at a remote location and adapted to capture live multi-media information and data and then combine said information and data into digital streams;

a central collection and distribution system, said central system adapted to receive streams of said digital information and data electronically from said remote site system, store said digital information and data according to a location of origin, and transmit said received streams or stored digital information and data upon demand; and

at least one client device operable by a user, said client device being located remotely from said remote site system and adapted to electronically communicate with said central system wherein said client device allows said user to access and view said streams as they arrive at said central system and to access and view said stored digital information and data.

2. The network according to claim 1, wherein said user is an investor interested in activities occurring at said remote location, and wherein said central network allows said investor to use said client device to invest in ventures associated with said activities.

3. The network according to claim 2, wherein said ventures are in industries selected from the group consisting of oil and gas drilling, ranching, construction, crop production, mining, and forestry.

4. The network according to claim 3, wherein said multi-media information comprises video footage of activities taking place at said remote location.

5. The network according to claim 2, wherein said industry is oil and gas drilling.

6. The network according to claim 5, wherein said multi-media information comprises video footage of activities taking place at a remote oil and gas drilling location.

7. The network according to claim 1, wherein said multi-media information comprises video footage of activities taking place at said remote locations.

8. The network according to claim 1 further comprising a plurality of said remote site systems, each of said remote site systems being located at one of the remote locations.

9. The network according to claim 8, wherein said streams and said information and data allow said user to monitor activities taking place at said remote locations make decisions in light of said monitored activities.
10. The network according to claim 9, wherein said user is a manager or investor.
11. The network according to claim 9, wherein said client devices are electronically connected to said central network via the Internet.
12. The network according to claim 1, wherein said stored information and data are time stamped so as to allow said user to access said stored information and data according to a past time period of interest.
13. The network according to claim 1, wherein said users can access an event advisor to instruct said central system to monitor said streams as they arrive for indications of the occurrence of an event of interest.
14. The network according to claim 13, wherein said event advisor is adapted to provide user-selectable event parameters representing potential events of interest and wherein said event parameters are customized according to activities taking place at said remote location.

15. The network according to claim 14 further comprising a plurality of said remote site systems, each of said remote site systems being located at one of the remote locations, and wherein said event advisor customizes said event parameters for each remote location.

16. The network according to claim 1, wherein said remote site system sends said digital streams to said central system in real time over a satellite transmission network.

17. The network according to claim 1, wherein said remote site system comprises electronic data capture and transmission equipment integrated into a portable trailer, said equipment comprising a multi-media information and data capture server, a power source, and a electronic communications device.

18. The network according to claim 17, wherein said electronic communications device comprises a VSAT satellite dish and transmitter/receiver.

19. The network according to claim 4, wherein said remote site system comprises a plurality of cameras such that said user can access multiple feeds of multi-media information for a given remote location.

20. A method for providing users with on demand access to information and data gathered from remote sites, said method comprising:

collecting multi-media information and data at each remote site and  
compiling said information and data into a digital stream at each remote site, said multi-media information comprising video of activities taking place at said remote sites;  
transmitting said digital streams from each of said remotes sites to a  
central collection and distribution system; and  
re-transmitting a particular digital stream that originated from a requested  
remote site from said central collection and distribution system to a requesting user  
upon demand wherein said requesting user requests, receives and uses said digital  
stream with a computing device.

21. The method according to claim 20, wherein said activities comprise oil and  
gas well drilling, and wherein said user is selected from the group consisting of financial  
investors in said well drilling or managers of said drilling activities.

22. The method according to claim 21, wherein said managers are oil well  
operators.

23. The method according to claim 20, wherein multiple cameras are utilized  
to record multiple camera angles of said activities at each remote site.

24. The method according to claim 20 further comprising electronically  
archiving each said digital stream at said central collection and distribution system as

said streams are received such that the users can access streams from past time periods upon demand.

25. The method according to claim 20 further comprising electronically storing each said digital stream at said remote site prior to transmitting said digital streams to said central collection and distribution system.

26. The method according to claim 20, wherein said transmitting step utilizes satellite transmission of said digital streams from said remote sites to said central collection and distribution system.

27. The method according to claim 20 wherein said computing device is electronically connected to said central collection and distribution system via the Internet.

28. The method according to claim 20 further comprising time stamping said digital streams as they arrive at said central collection and distribution system so as to allow said users to access said multi-media information and data according to a past time period of interest.

29. The method according to claim 20, further comprising receiving instructions from a given user instructing said central collection and distribution system

to monitor said digital streams as they arrive for indications of the occurrence of an event of interest.

30. The method according to claim 29, wherein said central collection and distribution system is adapted to provide user-selectable event parameters to said given user representing potential events of interest whereby said instructions are made by said given user by selecting potential event parameters relevant to said event of interest.

30. A network adapted to provide users with on demand access to information and data gathered from remote sites regarding activities at remote sites, said network comprising:

means for capturing said information and data from said remote sites, said means for capturing taking live multi-media information and data from said remote site and compiling said multi-media information and data into digital streams;

means for sending said compiled digital streams from said remote site to a central collection and distribution system;

said central collection and distribution system comprising means for receiving said digital streams from said remote sites, means for storing said received digital streams according to a time stamp and location of origin, and means for transmitting said received streams or stored digital streams upon demand; and

means for said users to electronically communicate with said central and distribution system, said means for communicating including a client device being

located remotely from said remote site and adapted to electronically communicate with said central collection and distribution system wherein said client device allows said user to access and view live streams as they arrive at said central collection and distribution system and to access and view said stored digital streams.

31. The network according to claim 30, wherein said means for sending and said means for receiving electronically communicate via satellite data transmissions.

32. The network according to claim 30, wherein said user is an investor interested in said activities occurring at at least one of said remote sites, and wherein said central network allows said investor to use said client device to invest in ventures associated with said activities.

33. The network according to claim 30, wherein said multi-media information comprises video images of said activities.

34. The network according to claim 30, wherein said activities comprise oil and gas drilling at said remote sites.